

## EDITORIAL

### Welcome Forty First

THE UNIFICATION of the California Medical Association and the California Osteopathic Association is now a reality. What has been a program and a series of steps for the past two years has now been achieved and the two have become one.

There remains the formality of securing public approval of the ballot proposition to set the future duties of state boards but, regardless of the outcome of that proposition at the polls, the two professions have effectively combined.

Formal steps were taken last month to issue a charter to the Forty First Medical Society as a component unit of the California Medical Association. The society has reported its membership to the C.M.A., has paid the dues of its members and has thus enrolled them as members of the medical fraternity of the state and the nation.

The Forty First Medical Society is statewide in area. It was formed to provide a professional association for those coming anew into the C.M.A., an organization similar to the 40 existing county societies. Its members are those who have now embraced the M.D. degree and have applied for and been elected to membership.

As a component of the California Medical Association, the Forty First has all the rights and privileges of any other medical society in the state. For example, it will have representation on the Council of the Association and in the House of Delegates. In each instance this representation will be based on the society's membership.

From the membership now reported, the Forty First Medical Society will be entitled to two members of the Council. The society has already selected Doctors Joseph Cosentino and Forest J. Grunigen for these posts and the Council has acted to appoint them as members of the Council until the time of the next annual session. At that time the members of the House of Delegates from the Forty First will elect their district councilors as all other districts do.

In the House of Delegates the Forty First Medical Society will be entitled to 40 Delegates and a like number of Alternates. These will be men of their own choice, as is true with all other component societies.

When the California College of Medicine conferred the M.D. degree on a large class of applicants in July, the C.M.A. was pleased to hold a series of orientation meetings at which these points were made plain. The structure of organized medicine was outlined and a discussion of the commissions and committees of the Association, their composition, selection of members and responsibilities was outlined for these potential new members.

Today these new diplomates are members of the C.M.A. and the A.M.A. and it is likely they have a better grasp of the organization and operations of the C.M.A. than do many of the older members. They have the rights and privileges and duties that go with membership in this democratically operated organization.

It is fitting here to express a broad welcome to the 1,900 new members coming into the C.M.A. from the Forty First Medical Society. The same welcome applies to the society as a component unit of the Association and to its officers and governing members who conduct its affairs.

### "Yes" on 22

IN A SHORT TIME members of the Association and members of the general public will see evidence that a YES vote is being requested on Proposition 22 on the November ballot: Newspapers, radio stations, television stations, pamphlets, automobile bumper strips, tent cards in physicians' offices will ask and ask again for an affirmative vote.

Proposition 22 was placed on the November general election ballot by action of the State Legisla-